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CHARTER

OF THE

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

GEORGE THE FOURTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas the Reverend William Buckland, B.D., Arthur Aikin, Esquire, John Bostock, M.D., George Bellas Greenough, Esquire, Henry Warburton, Esquire, and several others of our loving subjects, being desirous of forming a Society for investigating the Mineral Structure of the Earth, and having for promoting such investigation expended considerable sums of money in the purchase and collection of Books, Maps, Specimens, and other objects, and in the publication of various works, the said William Buckland, Arthur Aikin, John Bostock, George Bellas Greenough, and Henry Warburton have humbly besought Us to grant unto them and unto such other persons as shall be appointed and elected Fellows of the Society, as hereinafter is mentioned, Our Royal Charter of Incorporation, for the better carrying on the purposes aforesaid. Now therefore know ye that We, being desirous to encourage so laudable an undertaking, have, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, willed, ordained, constituted, declared, given, and granted, and by these presents Do, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, will, ordain, constitute, give, and grant,

Purpose for which the Society is instituted.

That our loving subjects the said Reverend William Buckland, Arthur Aikin, John Bostock, George Bellas Greenough, and Henry Warburton, and such other persons as shall from time to time be appointed and elected Fellows of the said Society in manner hereinafter directed, and their respective successors, shall for ever hereafter be by virtue of these presents one Body Politic and Corporate, by the name of "THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON." And we do will, constitute, and declare them and their successors to be one Body Politic and Corporate, for the purposes aforesaid, and by the name aforesaid to have perpetual succession, and to have a Common Seal, with full power and authority to alter, vary, break, and renew the same at their discretion, and by the same name to sue and be sued, to

Name of the Society.

implead and be impleaded, and to answer and be answered unto in every Court or place of Us, our Heirs, and Successors.

And we do will, constitute, and grant, that the persons hereby incorporated, and their successors, shall be for ever able and capable in the Law, to purchase, receive, hold, possess, and enjoy, to them and their successors, any goods and chattels whatsoever, and (notwithstanding the statutes of Mortmain) to take, purchase, hold, and enjoy, to them and their successors, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, not exceeding at the time or times of purchasing or acquiring such lands, tenements, or hereditaments respectively, the yearly value of Two thousand pounds in the whole, computing the same at rack rent which might have been had or gotten for the same respectively at the time of the purchase or acquisition of the same: And shall have full power and authority to sell, alien, charge, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property, so to be by them acquired as aforesaid, and to act and do in all things relating to the said Corporation in as ample manner and form as any other our liege subjects being persons able and capable in the Law, or any other Body Politic or Corporate in our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, may or can act or do.

The first five Fellows, who have power, for a time, to appoint other Fellows, and Foreign Members.

And we do hereby declare and grant, That the number of Fellows of the said Society shall be indefinite; and that they the said Reverend William Buckland, Arthur Aikin, John Bostock, George Bellas Greenough, and Henry Warburton shall be the first Fellows of the said Society; and that any three or more of them shall and may, on or before the third Friday in February next ensuing the date of these presents, under their respective hands in writing, appoint such other persons to be Fellows and Foreign Members of the said Society as are willing to be appointed, and as they may think fit.

President and Council. First Council to consist of five Members: Future Councils of twenty-three Members.

And we do further declare and grant, That for the better government of the said Society, and for the better management of the concerns thereof, there shall be from the date of these presents, thenceforth and for ever, a President and Council of the said Society, and that such Council (whereof the President shall be deemed a Member) shall, from the date of these presents until the third Friday in February next ensuing, consist of Five Members: and from the said third Friday in February thenceforth and for ever, shall consist of Twenty-three Members.

First Council of five appointed, and to remain in office until the third Friday in Feb. 1826.

And we do hereby appoint the said Reverend William Buckland to be first President; and the said Reverend William Buckland, together with the said Arthur Aikin, John Bostock, George Bellas Greenough, and Henry Warburton, to be the first Council, all and each of the aforesaid persons to continue in such their respective offices until the third Friday in February next ensuing the date of these presents.

Future Councils of twenty-

And we further direct, That the Fellows of the said Society, or any Eleven or more of them, shall and may on the said third Friday in February next ensuing, and also shall and may on the third Friday in

February (or as near thereto as conveniently may be) in every successive year, assemble together at the then last or other usual place of meeting of the said Society, and, by method of Ballot, remove from the then present Council one-fifth or more of the persons of whom it shall then be composed; And also shall and may, by the like method of Ballot, elect other persons, being Fellows of the said Society, into the Council, who, together with the persons not so removed, shall form the Council for the then next ensuing year, so that the Members of such Council shall amount in number to twenty-three. three how and when to be elected. One-fifth or more to vacate annually.

And also, That the Fellows of the said Society, or any eleven or more of them, shall and may, at the time and in manner aforesaid, by the like method of Ballot, elect from among the Members of the Council, when formed and elected in the manner aforesaid, one person to be President of the said Society for the year ensuing, and so many and such persons as they shall think proper to be Vice-Presidents, Secretary or Secretaries, and Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Society for the year ensuing. What officers are to be elected annually, from among the Members of the Council.

And also shall and may, in case of the death of the President, or of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or of any other Member of the Council for the time being, of the said Society, within the space of two months next after such death, or as near thereto as conveniently may be, in manner aforesaid, elect some other person, being a Fellow of the said Society, to supply the place of such President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other Member of the Council so dying. Power to fill up vacancies in case of death.

And we do further declare and grant, That from and after the said third Friday in February now next ensuing, the Fellows of the said Society, or any eleven or more of them, shall and may have the power, from time to time, at the General Meetings of the said Society, to be held at the usual place of meeting, or at such other place as shall have been in that behalf appointed, to elect by method of Ballot such persons to be Fellows and Foreign Members of the said Society, and such Fellows or Foreign Members to remove from the said Society as they shall think fit; and also shall and may from time to time nominate and appoint such persons as they shall think proper, to be Officers and Servants for carrying on and executing the necessary concerns of the said Society, and such Officers and Servants again remove, and renew or restore, as they shall see occasion. Power to elect new Fellows, and Foreign Members, and other Officers and Servants.

And we do further declare and grant, That from and after the said third Friday in February now next ensuing, the Fellows of the said Society, or any eleven or more of them, shall and may have the power to make and establish such Orders and Bye-Laws as shall appear to them useful for the government of the said Society, for defining the powers to be entrusted to the Council, the President, and other Officers thereof, and the duties to be performed by such Officers respectively; for the management of the Estates, Goods, Lands, Revenues, and business of the said Society; and for the regulating the particular Power to make Orders or Bye-laws.

manner of proposing, electing, admitting, and removing all and every the Fellows, Foreign Members, Officers, and Servants thereof; for fixing the times and places of the Meetings of the said Society; and also the Sum or Sums to be paid by the Fellows towards carrying on the purposes of the said Society; and the same Orders and Bye-Laws, from time to time, as they may see occasion, to alter, suspend, or repeal; and to make such new Orders and Bye-Laws in their stead as they shall think most proper and expedient, so as the same be not repugnant to these presents, or the laws of this our realm.

And also, That the Council, or any five or more of the Fellows of the said Society, shall have power to move the enactment of any new Bye-Law, or the alteration, suspension, or repeal of any existing Bye-Law, provided notice of such Motion shall have been delivered to one of the Secretaries in writing, and shall have been read from the Chair at two successive Meetings of the Fellows of the said Society; but that no such motion shall be deemed or taken to pass in the affirmative until the same shall have been discussed and decided by Ballot at another Meeting summoned especially for that purpose, an absolute majority of the Fellows then present having voted in the affirmative. In Witness whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourself at our Palace at Westminster this Twenty-third day of April, in the Sixth Year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,

(Signed) SCOTT.

BYE-LAWS

OF THE

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Section I.—*Object.*

The Geological Society of London is instituted for the purpose of investigating the mineral structure of the Earth.

Section II.—*Constitution.*

1.—The Society consists of Fellows, Foreign Members, and Foreign Correspondents.

2.—The number of Fellows is not limited.

3.—The number of Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents is limited to forty of each class.

Section III.—*Method of proposing and electing Fellows.*

1.—Every Candidate for Admission into the Society, as a Fellow, must be proposed by three or more Fellows, who must sign a certificate in recommendation of him*.

2.—The certificate must set forth the names, description, place of residence, and qualifications of the Candidate, and state that he is desirous of becoming a Fellow.

3.—The proposer whose name stands first upon the certificate must have personal knowledge of the Candidate, and must certify to that effect upon the certificate.

4.—Such proposer, before proposing the Candidate, must make known to him to what payments of money, in the event of his being elected, he will forthwith or may afterwards become liable, in respect of admission-fee, annual contribution, or composition-money. [See Sect. VI.]

* Blank Certificates, of the form required, to which is appended a summary of the Bye-Laws relating to the admission-fee, the annual contribution, and the composition-money, may be had of the Clerk, at the House of the Society.

5.—The certificate, when duly filled up, must be delivered at the House of the Society, addressed to the Clerk, who shall write upon it the date of the day whereon he received it, and lay it before the Council at their next meeting.

6.—The certificate shall be read aloud by one of the Secretaries at the three ordinary general meetings of the Fellows next ensuing such meeting of the Council, and, during the intervals between those three meetings, shall be suspended in a conspicuous place appropriated to that purpose, in one of the rooms of the Society.

7.—The method of voting for the election of Fellows is by Ballot.

8.—The ballot shall take place at the ordinary general meeting at which the certificate is appointed to be read the third time, and immediately after such reading.

9.—No such ballot is valid unless eleven or more Fellows ballot.

10.—When two-thirds, or more, of the Fellows balloting shall be in favour of the Candidate, such Candidate shall be elected a Fellow; but when fewer than two-thirds of the Fellows balloting shall be in favour of the Candidate, he shall not be elected a Fellow.

Section IV.—*Notice of Election—Fellows to pay Admission-fee and sign Obligation—Admission.*

1.—The Secretary shall address to every person elected a Fellow, on the day after his election, a printed copy of the letter No. I. in the Appendix, and of the Obligation, No. II. in the Appendix, together with a copy of the Charter and Bye-laws of the Society, a List of the Fellows, and a Card announcing the days on which the Society will hold its Meetings during the season.

2.—No person elected a Fellow shall be entitled to exercise any privilege as such, nor shall his name be printed in any list of the Society, until he shall have paid his admission-fee [see Sect. VI.], and shall have returned the Obligation, signed by himself and addressed to the Secretaries at the House of the Society; and unless he pay his admission-fee, and return the Obligation, signed and addressed as aforesaid, within two calendar months from the day of his election, or within such further time as the Council may grant upon special cause to them shown, the election of such Fellow shall be void.

3.—When a Fellow shall have paid his admission-fee, and shall have returned the Obligation, as aforesaid, he shall then be entitled to exercise all the privileges of a Fellow; and his name shall be entered in the lists of the Society.

4.—Every Fellow who has paid his admission-fee, and has returned the Obligation, as aforesaid, shall, at the first ordinary general meeting whereat he shall be present, subscribe a duplicate of the aforesaid Obligation, in a

book to be kept for that purpose; after which he shall be presented by some Fellow to the Chairman, who, addressing him aloud by name, shall say, "In the name and by the authority of the Geological Society of London, I admit you a Fellow thereof."

Section V.—*Withdrawing and Removal of Fellows.*

1.—Any Fellow may withdraw from the Society, by signifying his wish to do so, by letter, under his own hand, addressed to the President at the House of the Society: provided always that such Fellow shall be liable to the contribution of the whole year wherein he signifies his wish to withdraw: and that he shall continue liable to the annual contribution until he shall have discharged all sums, if any, due from him to the Society, and shall have returned all books or other property, if any, borrowed by him of the Society; or shall have made full compensation for the same, if lost or not forthcoming.

2.—Whenever written notice of a motion to be submitted to a general meeting, for removing any Fellow from the Society, signed by the Chairman, for the time being, of the Council, on the part of the Council, or by any five or more Fellows, shall have been delivered to one of the Secretaries, such notice shall be read from the chair at the four successive Ordinary General Meetings next following the delivery thereof; and within fourteen days after the last of such meetings a Special General Meeting shall be called, for taking such motion into consideration and deciding it by method of ballot; whereat if eleven or more Fellows should ballot, and a majority of the Fellows balloting shall vote that such Fellow be removed, he shall be removed from the Society.

Section VI.—*Residence—Admission-fee—Annual Contribution—Composition for Annual Contribution.*

Fellows elected before November 2, 1859, come under the following Bye-Laws*:—

1.—A Fellow shall be deemed *resident* during any year, commencing on the 1st January, who passes any sixty days, or more, of that year within twenty miles of London.

N.B. Any question that may arise concerning the distance from London at which a Fellow resides shall be decided by referring to a Map, on which shall be drawn the boundary of the district deemed to lie within twenty miles of London. This Map shall be hung up to view in the House of the Society.

2.—Every newly elected Fellow designated in his certificate as *resident* shall pay an Admission-fee of Six Pounds Six Shillings; and every newly

* For the Bye-Laws relating to payments by Fellows elected on and after the 2nd November 1859, see pp. 9 and 11.

elected Fellow designated in his certificate as *non-resident* shall pay an Admission-fee of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings.

3.—The Annual Contribution to be paid by those Fellows who shall be liable to payment thereof shall be Three Pounds Three Shillings*, due on each successive 1st of January, and payable in advance for the current year.

N.B. Every Fellow liable to the Annual Contribution is requested to give a permanent order on his banker, or agent, in London, for paying the said contribution as it falls due from year to year. [See the form of such an order. No. III. in the Appendix.]

4.—All Fellows who shall actually reside during the current year shall be liable to the contribution for that year.

N.B. The articles No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 of the present section do not apply to Fellows who are Personages of Royal Blood, or who have compounded for the annual contribution.

5.—Of the Fellows who during the current year shall not reside, or shall withdraw from the Society, those shall be liable to the contribution for that year:

1°. Who, having been liable to the contribution for the preceding year, shall not, before the 1st of January of the current year, have given notice to the Council of their intention to be non-resident, or of their wish to withdraw:

2°. Who shall have been elected into the Society, subject to the payment of an admission-fee of Six Guineas, within the period of one year and ten months preceding the 1st of January of the current year. [See Art. 7 of the present Section.]

6.—Of the Fellows who during the current year shall actually be non-resident, or shall withdraw from the Society, those only shall be entitled to exemption from the contribution for that year who

1°. shall have been elected into the Society that year, subject to payment of an admission-fee of Ten Guineas:

or 2°. shall have been exempt from the contribution of the preceding year:

or 3°. having been liable to the contribution of the preceding year, shall before the 1st of January of the current year have paid such contribution, together with all arrears due from them to the Society, and given notice to the Council of their intention to be non-resident, or their wish to withdraw.

7.—Every newly elected Fellow, described in his certificate as resident, if elected in the month of January or February, shall be subject to the whole contribution of the current year: but if elected in any subsequent month shall be subject to a part only of such contribution, to be computed from the day of his election to the 1st of January next ensuing, at the rate of Half-a-Guinea for every two months.

* At a Special General Meeting, held February 26, 1862, the Annual Contribution of Resident Fellows previously elected was reduced to Two Pounds Two Shillings (see p. 11).

8.—So soon in every year as the Auditors shall have presented to the Council their annual report, the name of every Fellow reported by them to be in arrear to the Society, together with a statement of the arrear, as reported, shall be hung up to view in one of the rooms of the Society; and immediate notice of the circumstance, with an account of the arrear, as reported, shall be forwarded to every Fellow whose name shall have been so hung up; and if the arrear be not paid within one calendar month from the date of such notice, or within such further time as the Council may grant upon special cause to them shown, the Council shall direct that the name of the Fellow so suspended shall be read from the Chair at two successive Ordinary General Meetings; and if the arrear shall not have been discharged before the second Ordinary General Meeting, the Council shall then be empowered to remove the Fellow from the Society: and the name of the Fellow which has been hung up shall not be taken down until either the arrears shall be paid, or the Fellow shall be removed from the Society.

9.—A Fellow may at any time compound for future annual contributions, that of the current year inclusive, by payment of Thirty-one Pounds Ten Shillings*. If he has already paid the contribution for the current year, or any part of it, such payment shall be allowed in part of the composition.

10.—Every Fellow shall, from time to time, communicate to the Clerk his address, or that of his banker or agent; and all notices forwarded to such address shall be considered as having been duly delivered to such Fellow.

SECTION VI. A.—*At a Special General Meeting, held June* 15, 1859, *it was resolved that Fellows proposed and elected on and after the 2nd November*, 1859, *shall come under the following Bye-Laws*†.

1.—A Fellow shall be deemed *resident* during any year commencing on the 1st of January, who passes any sixty days or more of that year within twenty miles of London.

N.B. Any question that may arise concerning the distance from London at which a Fellow resides shall be decided by referring to a Map, on which shall be drawn the boundary of the district deemed to lie within twenty miles of London. This Map shall be hung up to view in the House of the Society.

2.—Every newly elected Fellow shall pay an Admission-fee of Six Pounds Six Shillings.

3.—The Annual Contribution to be paid by Resident Fellows shall be Three Pounds Three Shillings‡, and by Non-Resident Fellows One Pound

* At a Special General Meeting, held February 26, 1862, the Composition for the Annual Contribution of previously elected Resident Fellows was reduced to Twenty-one Pounds; see p. 12.

† For the Bye-Laws relating to payments by Fellows elected on and after the 1st of March 1862, see p. 11.

‡ See footnote to p. 11.

Eleven Shillings and Sixpence, due on each successive 1st January, and payable in Advance for the current year.

N.B. Every Fellow liable to the Annual Contribution is requested to give a permanent order on his banker, or agent, in London, for paying the same contribution as it falls due from year to year. [See the form of such an order, No. III. in the Appendix.]

4.—All Fellows who shall actually reside during the current year shall be liable to the contribution for that year.

N.B. The articles No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 of the present section do not apply to Fellows who are Personages of Royal Blood, or who have compounded for the annual contribution.

5.—Of the Fellows who during the current year shall not reside, or shall withdraw from the Society, those shall be liable to the resident or full contribution for that year who, having been liable to the resident or full contribution for the preceding year, shall not, before the 1st of January of the current year, have given notice to the Council of their intention to be non-resident, or of their wish to withdraw.

6.—Of the Fellows who during the current year shall withdraw from the Society, those only shall be entitled to exemption from the contribution for that year who, having been liable to the contribution of the preceding year, shall, before the 1st of January of the current year, have paid such contribution, together with all arrears due from them to the Society, and have given notice to the Council of their wish to withdraw.

7.—Every newly elected Fellow, if elected in the month of January or February, shall be subject to the whole contribution of the current year; but if elected in any subsequent month, shall be subject to a proportionate part only of such contribution, to be computed from the day of his election to the 1st of January next ensuing.

8.—So soon in every year as the Auditors shall have presented to the Council their annual report, the name of every Fellow reported by them to be in arrear to the Society, together with a statement of the arrear, as reported, shall be hung up to view in one of the rooms of the Society; and immediate notice of the circumstance, with an account of the arrear, as reported, shall be forwarded to every Fellow whose name shall have been so hung up; and if the arrear be not paid within one calendar month from the date of such notice, or within such further time as the Council may grant, upon special cause to them shown, the Council shall direct that the name of the Fellow so suspended shall be read from the Chair at two successive Ordinary General Meetings; and if the arrears shall not have been discharged before the second Ordinary General Meeting, the Council shall then be empowered to remove the Fellow from the Society: and the name of the Fellow which has been hung up shall not be taken down until either the arrears shall be paid, or the Fellow shall be removed from the Society.

9.—A Resident Fellow may at any time compound for future annual con-

tributions, that of the current year inclusive, by payment of Thirty-one Pounds Ten Shillings *; and a Non-Resident Fellow by payment of Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings. If a Non-Resident Compounder becomes resident, he will be required to pay an additional composition of Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings, or an Annual Contribution of One Pound Eleven Shillings and Sixpence, so long as he shall continue to be a Resident Fellow. If he has already paid the contribution for the current year, or any part of it, such payment shall be allowed in part of the composition.

10. Every Fellow shall, from time to time, communicate to the Clerk his address, or that of his banker or agent; and all notices forwarded to such address shall be considered as having been duly delivered to such Fellow.

Section VI. b.—*At a Special General Meeting, held February* 26, 1862, *it was resolved that Fellows proposed and elected on and after the* 1st *of March*, 1862, *shall come under the following Bye-Laws, as also shall those Fellows now contributing as Residents, so far as regards the payment of Annual Contributions.*

1.—Every newly elected Fellow shall pay an Admission-fee of Six Pounds Six Shillings.

2.—The Annual Contribution to be paid by Fellows shall be Two Pounds Two Shillings, due on each successive 1st of January, and payable in advance for the current year.

N.B. Every Fellow liable to the Annual Contribution is requested to give a permanent order on his banker, or agent, in London, for paying the same contribution as it falls due from year to year. [See the form of such an order, No. III. in the Appendix.]

3.—Of the Fellows who during the current year shall withdraw from the Society, those shall be liable to the contribution for that year who, having been liable to the contribution for the preceding year, shall not, before the 1st of January of the current year, have given notice to the Council of their wish to withdraw.

N.B. The articles No. 3, 4, 5, 6 of the present section do not apply to Fellows who are personages of Royal Blood, or who have compounded for the annual contribution.

4.—Of the Fellows who during the current year shall withdraw from the Society, those only shall be entitled to exemption from the contribution for that year who, having been liable to the contribution of the preceding year, shall, before the 1st of January of the current year, have paid such contribution, together with all arrears due from them to the Society, and have given notice to the Council of their wish to withdraw.

* At a Special General Meeting held February 26, 1862, the composition for the Annual Contribution of previously elected Resident Fellows was reduced to Twenty-one Pounds. See p. 12.

5.—Every newly elected Fellow, if elected in the month of January or February, shall be subject to the whole contribution of the current year; but if elected in any subsequent month, shall be subject to a proportionate part only of such contribution, to be computed from the day of his election to the 1st of January next ensuing.

6.—So soon in every year as the Auditors shall have presented to the Council their annual report, the name of every Fellow reported by them to be in arrear to the Society, together with a statement of the arrear as reported, shall be hung up to view in one of the rooms of the Society; and immediate notice of the circumstance, with an account of the arrear, as reported, shall be forwarded to every Fellow whose name shall have been so hung up; and if the arrear be not paid within one calendar month from the date of such notice, or within such further time as the Council may grant, upon special cause to them shown, the Council shall direct that the name of the Fellow so suspended shall be read from the Chair at two successive Ordinary General Meetings; and if the arrears shall not have been discharged before the second Ordinary General Meeting, the Council shall then be empowered to remove the Fellow from the Society: and the name of the Fellow which has been hung up shall not be taken down until either the arrears shall be paid, or the Fellow shall be removed from the Society.

7.—A Fellow may at any time compound for future annual contributions, that of the current year inclusive, by payment of Twenty-one Pounds. If he has already paid the contribution for the current year, or any part of it, such payment shall be allowed in part of the composition.

8.—Every Fellow shall, from time to time, communicate to the Clerk his address, or that of his banker or agent; and all notices forwarded to such address shall be considered as having been duly delivered to such Fellow.

Section VII.—*Personages of Royal Blood.*

Personages of Royal Blood who have been elected Fellows shall be required to sign their names in the Obligation-book; but not to pay any admission-fee or annual contribution, nor to serve in any office of the Society.

Section VIII.—*Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents.*

1.—Any person who has distinguished himself as a geological investigator, or who has shown himself able and willing to communicate to the Society original and important geological information, or who has exercised signal liberality towards the Society, except he be a native of the British dominions, or of their dependencies, or be domiciliated therein, may be elected a Foreign Correspondent.

2.—The Foreign Members shall be elected out of the list of Foreign Correspondents.

3.—Candidates for admission into the Society as Foreign Members or Foreign Correspondents are to be proposed and balloted for in the same manner as candidates for admission into the Society as Fellows; except that the proposer, whose name stands first on the certificate, may, in default of personal knowledge, certify his knowledge of the works and respectability of the candidate; and that the certificate need not state that the candidate is desirous of becoming a Foreign Member or Foreign Correspondent.

4.—The President shall sign, and the Secretaries shall countersign, the Diploma [see No. IV. in the Appendix] of every Foreign Member or Foreign Correspondent, as soon as may be after his election; and shall deliver the same, so signed and countersigned, to the Foreign Secretary, who shall, on the earliest opportunity, forward it to such Foreign Member or Foreign Correspondent, together with notice of his election.

5.—Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents shall not be required to sign the Obligation until present at a general meeting of the Society; and when so present, they shall be admitted with formalities similar to those prescribed for the admission of Fellows.

6.—Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents may be removed in the manner prescribed for the removal of Fellows.

7.—Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents shall be exempt from payment of any admission-fee or annual contribution.

8.—Foreign Members shall not be entitled to propose candidates, to vote at general meetings, or to fill any office in the Society; but they shall be entitled to the exercise of every other privilege whatsoever allowed to Fellows.

9.—Foreign Correspondents cannot exercise any of the privileges of Fellows or Foreign Members.

Section IX.—*General Meetings.*

1.—No general meeting of the Fellows shall be competent to enter on any business unless eleven or more Fellows be present.

2.—The President shall be the Chairman at all general meetings; or, in case of his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents; or, in case of their absence, one of the Members of the Council; or, in case of the absence of all the Members of the Council, a Fellow to be appointed for the occasion by the meeting.

3.—The Chairman is required to keep order and check irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting: to state every question, on putting it to the vote, according to the true intent of the proposer and seconder: to declare truly to the meeting how, according to the best of his judgment, every question has been decided: to see that minutes are taken of the proceedings of the meeting during their progress; and when the minutes of the former meeting have been read, and, if found accurate, confirmed, to certify such confirmation, by subscribing to the minutes his signature.

4.—The ordinary method of voting shall be by show of hands: but a ballot

shall be taken in cases prescribed by the Charter or Bye-Laws, or when demanded by any Fellow present.

5.—No show of hands or ballot shall decide a question, unless eleven or more Fellows actually vote.

6.—The decision of the majority of the Fellows voting at a meeting shall be considered as the decision of such Meeting; and an absolute majority shall suffice, except in cases specially designated by the Charter or Bye-Laws*.

7.—The Chairman shall not vote when the voting is by show of hands; but he may vote when the voting is by ballot; provided that when the votes on either side shall be equal, except in cases specially designated by the Charter or Bye-Laws, he shall give a casting-vote.

8.—In all cases of ballot the Chairman shall examine the drawers of the balloting-box publicly; and in case either of a show of hands, or of a ballot, if it shall appear doubtful to him, or to any Fellow present, on which side the majority lies, he shall count aloud the votes or balls.

9.—The voting upon any question, except it be one of adjournment, or of the election of a Candidate, shall, on the demand of a proposer and seconder, be deferred to a subsequent general meeting.

10.—If the question of adjournment has been put and carried, an adjournment may be made of any general meeting; but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than such as was proposed to have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment was made.

11.—Minutes of the proceedings of every general meeting shall be taken, during their progress, by one of the Secretaries, or, in case of the absence of the Secretaries, by some Fellow, whom the Chairman of the meeting shall appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be fairly copied into a minute-book, and at the next meeting shall be read aloud by one of the Secretaries for confirmation.

12.—The minute-book of the Council shall lie upon the table at every general meeting, and extracts therefrom shall be read to the meeting on the requisition of any Fellow.

13.—The general meetings to be held by the Society shall be of three kinds:—1. *Annual*; 2. *Special*; 3. *Ordinary*.

Section X.—*Annual General Meeting—Election of Council and Officers—Reading of Annual Report.*

1.—The *Annual* General Meeting of the Fellows shall be held in their meeting-room, on the third Friday of February in every successive year.

2.—Notice of the meeting shall be sent to every resident Fellow whose place of residence is known, and shall be inserted in two or more public newspapers one week at least before the day of meeting.

3.—The object of the meeting shall be to choose the Council and Officers

* In case of the Election of a Fellow, Foreign Member, or Foreign Correspondent; and, contingently, in certain cases of the Election of the Council and Officers.

for the then ensuing year; and to receive from the Council, and hear read, their annual report on the general concerns of the Society.

4.—The Council consists of twenty-three Members.

5.—The Fellows assembled at such meeting in every successive year must remove, by method of ballot, from the then present Council some five or more of the persons of whom it shall then be composed; and elect into the Council, by method of ballot, as many other persons, being Fellows of the Society, as may be necessary to supply the places of those who shall be so removed; and such persons so elected, together with the persons not so removed, amounting in number to twenty-three, shall form the Council for the then ensuing year.

6.—The Fellows assembled, as aforesaid, must elect by method of ballot from among the Members of the Council, when formed and elected as aforesaid, one person to be President, and so many and such persons as they shall think proper, to be Vice-Presidents, Secretary or Secretaries, and Treasurer or Treasurers of the Society for the then ensuing year.

7.—Every Fellow balloting on the occasion aforesaid must prepare and deliver-in two balloting-lists; whereof one must contain the names of such persons as he wishes to be retained in or elected into the Council, and must not contain the names of such persons as he wishes to be removed from the Council; the other must contain the names of such persons, being Members of the newly elected Council, as he wishes to be elected Officers of the Society for the then ensuing year.

8.—Printed balloting-lists (according to the forms No. V. and No. VI. in the Appendix) shall be prepared before the day of the annual general meeting: the former containing the names of such persons as the Council recommend to be retained in or elected into the Council; the latter the names of such persons as (provided they be elected members of the new Council) the Council recommend to be elected Officers of the Society for the then ensuing year; and a copy of each List shall be handed at the meeting to every Fellow present.

9.—Should any Fellow balloting disapprove of any name or names contained in either of the balloting-lists, and be desirous of inserting therein some other name or names, he will draw a line in ink across the name or names of which he disapproves; and will write immediately opposite, in the blank space left for that purpose, the name or names of the other Fellow or Fellows for whom he wishes to vote.

10.—The Chairman shall take the chair at one o'clock P.M., and, as soon thereafter as eleven Fellows shall be present, shall proceed to read to the meeting those clauses in the Charter and Bye-Laws which relate to the annual general meeting. This done, he shall appoint two or more Scrutineers, from among the Fellows present, to superintend the ballots during their progress, and, when they are severally closed, to examine the lists, and report the results to the meeting.

11.—Two balloting-glasses shall be placed on the table: the one, for receiving lists for the Council, shall remain open until two o'clock; the other,

for receiving lists for the Officers, until three o'clock P.M.; at which respective hours the ballots shall be closed.

12.—It shall be the duty of the Scrutineers, during the progress of the ballots, to see—That each list is put into its proper glass; that none other than Fellows ballot; that no Fellow ballots more than once, or delivers at one time into either glass more than one list; and, immediately on the closing of either ballot, to report to the Chairman whether as many as eleven Fellows have balloted.

13.—At the close of the ballot for the Council, if eleven or more Fellows shall have balloted, the Scrutineers shall examine the lists given in upon that ballot; one of them opening each list, and counting the names contained in it; when all those lists shall be rejected which contain the names of more than twenty-three persons, or of more than eighteen persons who were Members of the old Council. If, after this rejection, there be fewer than eleven lists remaining, no election can then take place, and the meeting must adjourn: but if eleven lists, or more, remain, then—

1°. One of the Scrutineers shall read the several lists aloud, and the other shall note each name, and put a mark against each, as often as it is repeated.

2°. The two Scrutineers shall count the number of marks affixed to the several names: and if, of the twenty-three names having the greatest number of marks, not more than eighteen shall have been of the old Council, the said twenty-three names shall constitute the new Council.

But—

3°. If, of the said twenty-three names, more than eighteen shall have been of the old Council, the surplus names of the old Council, having the fewest marks against them, shall be struck out, and the deficiency be supplied from the names of persons not of the old Council, in the order of the number of marks against their names respectively.

4°. If two or more names shall be found to have an equal number of marks, the order of preference shall be decided by lot.

5°. When the list of twenty-three shall be completed, the names, arranged alphabetically, shall be forthwith reported, in writing by the Scrutineers, to the Chairman, who shall declare the same to the meeting as the list of the Council for the then ensuing year.

14.—When the Council for the ensuing year shall have been declared, and not before, the Scrutineers shall examine the lists in the glass set apart for the election of Officers from among the Members of the Council.

15.—The number of Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers is not limited, but there shall be so many of such officers, respectively every year, as shall be specified in the majority of balloting-lists for the election of Officers, delivered in at the Annual General Meeting.

16.—No person shall hold at the same time more than one of the following offices; viz. President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

17.—The Scrutineers shall take no account of any balloting-list for the election of Officers which shall contain the name—of any person not a Member of the newly chosen Council; of more than one person as President; or of the same person as holding more than one of the offices mentioned in Art. 16.

18.—In other respects the scrutiny for the election of Officers, and the report thereon, shall be made, as nearly as may be, in the manner directed respecting the Council; and the Chairman shall in like manner declare such persons as the Scrutineers have reported to him to be the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

19.—If, from default of attendance on the part of the Fellows, or from any other cause, a general meeting should not be holden on the third Friday of February in any year, or if the Fellows assembled at such meeting should not elect a Council and Officers for the year ensuing, the Council and Officers for the time being shall continue to be the Council and Officers until another Council and other Officers shall be duly formed and elected; and in order to form and elect such other Council and Officers, another general meeting shall be held within fifteen days from the third Friday in February; whereof notice shall be given to the resident Fellows in the manner directed in Art. 2. of the present Section; and such general meeting shall proceed to the election of a Council and Officers.

20.—While the ballots are in progress at the annual general meeting, the annual report of the Council shall be read by the Secretaries to the meeting; and any Fellow present may propose any questions to the Council respecting the matters contained in such report, and comment thereon, and on such other matters relating to the government of the Society, and the management of its concerns, as to him may seem proper.

Section XI.—*Special General Meetings.*

1.—*Special* General Meetings of the Fellows shall be held from time to time, as there may be occasion, for the purpose of taking special matters, relating to the business of the Society, into consideration.

2.—A week's notice, at least, of the time when, and the object for which every Special Meeting is to be holden, shall be given to every resident Fellow, whose residence is known, living within the limits of the penny post.

3.—No other business than that of which notice has been given, in the summons for convening the meeting, shall be entered upon or discussed at such meeting.

4.—A Special General Meeting shall be convened, within a reasonable time after a requisition to that effect, specifying the business for which the meeting is to be convened, and signed by the Chairman of the Council on the part of the Council, or by any five or more Fellows, shall have been delivered, addressed to one of the Secretaries at the House of the Society.

5.—In case of the death or resignation of the President, or of any Vice-

President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or of any other member of the Council, in the interval between any two successive Annual General Meetings, a Special General Meeting shall be held within two months next after such death, or as near thereto as conveniently may be, for the purpose of filling up the vacancy; and the summons for such meeting, and the proceedings thereat, shall, as far as circumstances will admit, be after the manner directed for the annual general meeting.

6.—The Fellows assembled in Special General Meetings shall from time to time appoint such persons as they shall think proper to be Officers and Servants for carrying on and executing the necessary concerns of the Society; and may again remove such Officers and Servants, and restore the same, as they shall see occasion.

7.—The Fellows assembled in Special General Meetings shall have power to make and establish, from time to time, such Orders and Bye-Laws as shall appear to them useful:

1°. For the Government of the Society:

2°. For defining the powers to be entrusted to, and the duties to be performed by, the Council, the President, and the other Officers of the Council.

3°. For the management of the estates, goods, lands, revenues, and business of the Society.

4°. For regulating the manner of proposing, electing, admitting, and removing the Fellows, Foreign Members, and Foreign Correspondents; and of electing or appointing, of removing and of restoring the Officers and Servants of the Society:

5°. For fixing the times and places of the meetings of the Society:

6°. For fixing the sum or sums to be paid by the Fellows towards carrying on the purposes of the Society:

—And shall have power to alter, suspend, or repeal such Orders and Bye-Laws, from time to time, and to make such new Orders and Bye-Laws in their stead as they shall think expedient; so as the same be not repugnant to the Charter, or to the laws of the realm.

8.—When it is intended to move the enactment, alteration, suspension, or repeal of any Bye-Law, written notice of such motion, signed either by the Chairman of the Council, on the part of the Council, or by five or more Fellows, must be delivered, addressed to one of the Secretaries at the House of the Society; and must be read from the Chair at two successive general meetings of the Fellows; and a special general meeting must be summoned, within a reasonable time from the last reading of such notice, for taking the motion into consideration; and in the interval between such meetings, such notice must be hung up to view in the meeting-room of the Society; and when the motion is made at such special meeting, the question, after due discussion, shall be decided by ballot; and no motion shall be made for the enactment, alteration, suspension, or repeal of any Bye-Law, nor shall any Bye-Law be enacted, altered, suspended, or repealed, but in the manner above directed.

SECTION XII.—*Ordinary General Meetings.*

1.—The *Ordinary* General Meeting shall be held in the Meeting-Room of the Society on the Evenings of the alternate Wednesdays from November to June inclusive, or oftener if the Council shall see occasion.

2.—A card, announcing the days and hours of the Ordinary Meetings, shall be sent annually, before the first meeting in November, to every resident Fellow whose residence is known.

3.—Persons not belonging to the Society, if introduced by Fellows or Foreign Members, may be present at the Ordinary Meetings. Their names shall be inserted in the minutes, with the names of the persons who introduced them.

4.—At the Ordinary Meetings the order of business shall be as follows:—

1°. The names of the visitors allowed to be present at the meeting shall be read aloud by the Chairman.

2°. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read aloud by one of the Secretaries, confirmed by the Meeting, and signed by the Chairman:

3°. The presents made to the Society since their last meeting shall be announced and exhibited:

4°. Certificates in favour of Candidates for admission into the Society shall be read, or submitted to ballot:

5°. Fellows, Foreign Members, and Foreign Correspondents shall sign their names in the Obligation-book, and shall be admitted:

6°. Geological communications shall be announced and read:

and 7°. When the other business has been completed, the persons present shall be invited by the Chairman to deliver aloud, from their places, their opinions on the communications which have been read, and on the specimens or drawings which have been exhibited at that meeting.

5.—No motion relating to the government of the Society, its bye-laws, the management of its concerns, or the election, appointment, or removal of its officers and servants, shall be made at any Ordinary Meeting; nor shall any business relating thereto be transacted at any such meeting, except in so far as the Charter or Bye-Laws may expressly enjoin or permit*.

SECTION XIII.—*Council: Forms of proceeding—Powers—Duties—Restrictions on Powers.*

1.—The Council shall meet at the House of the Society once, at least, in every calendar month, from November to June inclusive, and may meet in any other month, on what day or days they shall deem expedient.

* Notices of intended motions are to be read from the Chair (see Sect. XI. Art. 8); and extracts from the minute-book of the Council may be read (see Sect. IX. Art. 12) at Ordinary Meetings.

2.—The President, or any three Members of the Council, may call a Meeting of the Council.

3.—When a Meeting of the Council is to be holden, the Clerk of the Society shall summon by letter every Member of the Council.

4.—No meeting of the Members of the Council shall be competent to enter upon or decide any business unless three or more Members be present; and such meeting, having been duly summoned, shall be competent to carry into execution all the powers entrusted to it by virtue of the Charter and Bye-Laws.

5.—The President shall be the Chairman of all meetings of the Council; or, in case of his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents; or, in case of their absence, one of the other Members of the Council, to be appointed for the occasion by the meeting.

6.—The ordinary method of voting at the Council shall be by show of hands; but a ballot shall be taken in cases prescribed by any regulations of the Council, or when demanded by any Member present.

7.—The decision of the majority of Members voting at a meeting shall be considered as the decision of the meeting; and the Chairman shall be entitled to vote; and, if the votes on either side be equal, he shall give a casting-vote.

8.—The voting on any question, except it be one of adjournment, shall, on the demand of any Member present, be adjourned to the next ensuing meeting.

9.—Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting of the Council shall be taken during their progress by one of the Secretaries, or, in case of their absence, by some Member present, whom the Chairman shall appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be copied fairly into a minute-book, to be kept for that purpose.

10.—The Council shall, from time to time, draw up such regulations, not inconsistent with the Charter and Bye-Laws, as may appear to them expedient for conducting the proceedings of their own meetings; and the regulations so drawn up shall be binding on the Members of the Council.

11.—The government of the Society and the management of its concerns are entrusted to the Council, subject to no other restrictions than are and may be imposed by the Charter and Bye-Laws, and to no other interference than may arise from the acts of the Fellows in General Meeting assembled.

12.—The Council may from time to time make such regulations, and issue such orders, not inconsistent with the Charter and Bye-Laws, as shall appear to them conducive to the good government of the Society, and to the proper management of its concerns: and all such regulations and orders shall be binding on all and every the Fellows, Foreign Members, Foreign Correspondents, Officers, and Servants of the Society.

13.—The Council may appoint persons, not being Members of the Council, to be salaried Officers, Clerks, or Servants, for carrying on the necessary concerns of the Society; and may define the duties to be performed by them respectively; and may allow to them respectively such

salaries, gratuities, and privileges, as to them, the Council, may seem proper; and may suspend any Officer, Clerk, or Servant, from office, whenever there shall seem to them occasion; provided always that every such appointment or suspension shall be reported by the Council to the next ensuing general meeting of the Fellows, to be then confirmed or annulled, as to such meeting may seem good.

14.—The Council may appoint Committees to examine into, and report to them on any special matters, scientific or otherwise, relating to the objects or concerns of the Society, and may require such Committees to Report, and may dissolve such Committees, whensoever they shall think proper.

15.—The Council may make purchases, and may enter into, enforce, vary or rescind any contract for purchase, on behalf of the Society; but no such contract shall be of longer duration than one year, except by special permission of a general meeting of the Fellows; and in every such contract it shall be stipulated that the effects of the Society shall be the only fund for payment.

16.—The Council may affix the Common Seal of the Society to any deed, contract, agreement, or writing, to which the Society is to be a party.

17.—The Council may exchange for other property, or otherwise dispose of, any duplicate books, maps, or specimens, belonging to the Society, in such manner as may in their opinion best conduce to the advancement of Geology, and the interests of the Society.

18.—The Council may present copies of the Transactions of the Society to other scientific bodies, and to the heads of departments.

19.—The Council shall carry into effect, as far as in them lies, the resolutions of General Meetings.

20.—The Council shall appoint a person to collect the moneys due to the Society, and shall require him to provide sureties to such an amount as may be deemed expedient.

21.—The Council shall appoint a Banker to the Society, for the time being, to whom all sums of money received by the Collector or other person, for the use of the Society, shall be paid; and no money shall be drawn from the said Banker but by order of the Council, and by cheques signed, at a meeting of the Council, by the Chairman and two other Members.

22.—Whenever the balance in the hands of the Banker shall exceed the sum requisite for the probable or current expenses of the Society, the Council shall invest the excess in Government securities.

23.—At the first meeting in January, in every year, the Council shall appoint two Fellows, the one a Member, the other not a Member of the Council, to audit the accounts of the Society for the preceding year; and shall give to the Auditors, so appointed, full authority to examine persons and papers.

24.—The Council shall present, and cause to be read to the Annual General Meeting, to be held on the third Friday of February in every year, a Report on the general concerns of the Society for the preceding year. The Report shall state the income and expenditure, the receipts and disburse-

ments, the balance in hand, and the increase or diminution of the property of the Society during that year, and shall give an estimate in detail of the probable income and expenditure of the current year. The Report shall also set forth the progress of the Library and the collection of Maps, and of the Museum in its various departments.

25.—The Council shall submit to the Annual General Meeting, in every year, lists of such persons as they shall consider most fit to be Members of the Council and Officers for the ensuing year.

26.—The Council shall cause a Register to be kept of all the persons declared, appointed, or elected Fellows, and appointed or elected Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents of the Society; with the dates of their being so declared, appointed, or elected respectively; and with the names of such of those persons as have been admitted, and have subscribed to the Obligation, No. II. in the Appendix.

27.—The Council shall not incur expenses in any year exceeding the clear annual income of the Society, nor any particular item of expense amounting to 50*l.* not included in the previous estimate.

28.—The Council shall not sell or otherwise dispose of (except as is permitted in Art. 17 and 18), nor mortgage or encumber, the lands, tenements, hereditaments, or effects of the Society, nor borrow money on account of the Society, unless with the sanction and concurrence of a Special General Meeting convened expressly for taking such matter into consideration.

Section XIV.—*President.*

1.—The President shall be, in virtue of his office, the Chairman of the Council, and of all general meetings of the Fellows, and a Member of all Committees appointed by the Council.

2.—It shall be the duty of the President to execute, and cause to be executed, the provisions of the Charter and the Bye-Laws of the Society; to see that all the Officers of the Society and Members of the Council and of Committees perform the duties assigned to or undertaken by them respectively; to call for reports and accounts from Committees and Persons; to cause, of his own authority, and when necessary, Special Meetings of the Council and of Committees to be summoned; and to propose from time to time to the Council such measures as shall appear to him conducive to the welfare of the Society.

3.—It shall be the duty of the President, whenever he shall deem it expedient, to direct the Secretaries to suppress, in whole or in part, or to postpone, the reading of any paper, communicated to the Society in order to be read at its meetings, and to report to the Council the directions so given.

4.—It shall be the duty of the President, as Chairman of the Council, to appoint Referees to examine and report on original papers communicated to the Society previous to their publication. [See Sect. XXI. Art. 5.]

5.—It shall be the duty of the President, after advising with the other

Officers, to submit to the Council, for their consideration, the names of persons to be appointed Auditors, and of persons to be recommended to the Annual General Meeting as Members of the Council or Officers of the Society.

6.—It shall be the duty of the President, when prevented from being present at the meetings of the Fellows or of the Council, or from giving his attention to the current business of the Society, to give timely notice thereof to some Vice-President, or other member of the Council, in order that his place may be properly supplied.

Section XV.—*Vice-Presidents.*

1.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents, by rotation or otherwise, as they may agree among themselves, to supply the place of the President, when he shall be absent from the meetings of the Fellows or of the Council, or unable to give his attention to the current business of the Society.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents, twice at least in every season, commencing in November, and ending in June, to examine into, and report on the state of,—

1°. The Household:
2°. The Clerk's department, and the keeping of official books:
3°. The Library, including maps and drawings:
4°. The Museum in all its departments.

Section XVI.—*Secretaries, not including the Foreign Secretary.*

1.—It shall be the duties of the Secretaries,—

1°. To conduct the correspondence of the Society and Council, either by writing, or by causing the Clerk to write, such letters as may from time to time be necessary; unless, from some particular cause, some other person be appointed to that duty:
2°. To attend the general meetings of the Fellows, and the meetings of the Council; to take minutes of the proceedings of such meetings during their progress; and at the commencement of every such meeting to read aloud the minutes of the previous meeting:
3°. At the ordinary meetings of the Fellows, to announce the presents made to the Society since their last meeting; to read the certificates of Candidates for admission into the Society; and the original papers communicated to the Society, or the letters addressed to it:
4°. To make abstracts of the papers read at the ordinary general meetings, to be inserted in the minutes:
5°. To see that all such minutes and abstracts of the proceedings, whether of the Society or of the Council, are entered by the Clerk in the several minute-books, before the following meeting shall be

holden; and that all other writings are made by the Clerk which the service of the Society in the department of the Secretaries may require:

6°. To edit the Transactions of the Society; and to superintend the printing, and the making of the Index of each volume:

7°. To give directions for placing in the cabinets all newly presented specimens.

2.—The Secretaries, according to their number, shall, by mutual agreement, divide among themselves the performance of the duties above enumerated, and shall communicate to the first meeting of the Council to be holden after the day of the annual election, which of those duties they have each undertaken to perform.

3.—The Secretaries, by virtue of their office, shall be Members of all Committees appointed by the Council.

Section XVII.—*Foreign Secretary.*

1.—It shall be the duty of the Foreign Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society or Council with Foreign Societies and with persons residing abroad; and to forward to Foreign Members and Foreign Correspondents notices of their election, and their diplomas.

2.—The Foreign Secretary shall lay before the Society or Council the official letters which he may from time to time receive, relating to the Society or Council; and shall preserve dates and minutes, and (if required) copies of the letters which he may write on behalf of the Society or Council.

Section XVIII.—*Treasurer.*

1.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer,—

1°. To see to the collecting of all moneys due to the Society; and, to that end, to recommend to the Council a person to be appointed Collector; to ascertain that the sureties offered by such person are sufficient; to give instructions to such person from time to time in what manner to proceed; to see that both he, and all other persons in receipt of sums for the use of the Society, pay in the sums, as soon as received, to the Banker of the Society; and that all sums so paid in are regularly entered in the Banker's Book:

2°. To see that the drafts paid by the Banker are regularly authorized by the Council:

3°. To examine from time to time the various account-books of the Society, and to advise the Council as to the sums to be advanced in order to meet the house-expenses:

4°. To see that accounts of the receipts and payments, of the income and expenditure, and of the property of the Society, are regularly

kept by the Accountant, arranged in such manner as may appear expedient to the Council; and that, as soon as may be after the 1st of January in every year, the annual accounts are prepared, in order to be submitted to the Auditors:

5°. To attend, when required, to the investment and disposition of any moneys, effects, stock, or securities, belonging to the Society:

6°. To report at the desire of the Council, or whenever he may think fit, on any special matter relating to the finances of the Society.

Section XIX.—*Fellows.*

1.—The Fellows have the right to be present, to state their opinion, and to vote, at all General Meetings; to propose candidates for admission into the Society, either as Fellows, Foreign Members, or Foreign Correspondents; to introduce visitors at General Meetings of the Society; and to introduce, either in person or by letter, scientific Foreigners to the Library and Museum; to purchase the Transactions of the Society at reduced prices; to have transmitted to them all official documents which the Council may cause to be printed for the use of the Society; and, under such limitations as the Council may deem expedient, to have personal access to the Library, Museum, and all other public rooms in the House of the Society, and to borrow books, maps, plates, drawings, or specimens, belonging to the Society.

2.—All the Fellows are eligible to be Members of the Council and Officers of the Society.

3.—The property of the Society is vested in the Fellows; but no Fellow, not being a Member of the Council, shall have any right of interference or control in or over the management of the concerns, or of the hereditaments or effects of the Society, otherwise than at the general meetings, as hereinbefore specified; nor be entitled to any share or participation in the capital, hereditaments, effects, rents, profits, revenue, or income of the Society.

4.—No Fellow shall be absolved from the effect of the provisions of the Charter, or from the Bye-Laws, on the plea of not being acquainted with them, or of not having received a copy of them.

5.—The Society shall not and may not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto or between any of its members.

Section XX.—*Committees.*

1.—The Fellows, in General Meeting assembled, or the Council, may appoint Committees to examine into and report on any special matters, scientific or otherwise, relating to the objects or concerns of the Society.

2.—Every Committee may be dissolved by the authority which appointed it.

3.—Every Committee shall cause minutes to be taken of its proceedings,

and shall produce the original minutes, if required, to the authority which appointed it.

4.—Every Committee shall report, when called on, to the authority which appointed it.

5.—Every Committee may appoint its own Chairman and Secretary.

Section XXI.—*Original Papers and Transactions.*

1.—Every paper communicated to the Society, in order to be read at its meetings, shall be deemed the property of the Society from the time of its being delivered at the House of the Society, unless any previous engagement to the contrary have been made with the author.

2.—Papers shall be read, as nearly as may be, without alteration, and in the order of time in which they are delivered; and should any deviation from this rule occur, it must be reported by the President to the Council.

3.—Selections of the papers read before the Society shall be published*, from time to time, under the title of "Transactions of the Geological Society of London."

4.—The consideration of the papers to be selected for publication, and of the form in which, and the time when they shall be published, shall be referred to the Council.

5.—At the first meeting of the Council after the reading of a paper, the Chairman of the Council shall appoint a Referee, to examine the paper and to report thereon: and after the report of the Referee shall have been presented to the Council, the question of publishing or not publishing the paper shall be submitted to their consideration and decided by ballot.

6.—If an Author shall signify to the Council his desire that his paper may not be published, the question of publishing it shall not be taken into consideration.

7.—Such communications as the Council shall determine not to publish shall be preserved among the records of the Society.

8.—An author shall be entitled to borrow his own manuscript for the purpose of taking a copy, on engaging either to return it, or, in case of his printing the same, to present the Society with a printed copy.

Section XXII.—*Common Seal and Deeds.*

1.—The Charter, the Common Seal, and the deeds of the Society shall be deposited in an iron box and in a fireproof room.

2.—Every deed or writing to which the Common Seal is to be affixed shall

* Since 1845 the papers read before the Society have also been printed, either in abstract or in full, in the Quarterly Journal of the Society.

be sealed at a meeting of the Council, and signed by the President and two or more other Members of the Council.

SECTION XXIII.—*On the persons who were designated as "Honorary Members" of the Society before the granting of the Charter.*

All those persons who, before the granting of the Charter, were designated as *Honorary Members* of the Society shall be permitted to exercise the same privileges as Foreign Members. A list of their names shall be appended to the printed lists of the Fellows, Foreign Members, and Foreign Correspondents of the Society.

APPENDIX.

[No. I.]

Letter notifying the Election of a Fellow.

Apartments of the GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON,
Somerset House.
the 18

I have the honour to inform you, that on the of you were elected a Fellow of the GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; and I beg to transmit to you a printed copy of an Obligation, a copy of the Charter and Bye-Laws of the Geological Society, a List of the Fellows and a Card announcing the Evenings of Meeting during the present session.

According to the Regulations of the Society, you are required to pay your Admission-fee, being the sum of and to return the Obligation, signed and addressed to the Secretaries, on or before the day of ; otherwise your election will be void.

These Conditions having been complied with, you will be entitled to be admitted by the President a Fellow of the Society.

The Annual Contribution for the present year, in addition to the Admission-fee, is .

Under the Bye-Laws, Fellows may at any time compound for their annual contributions, that of the current year included, for Twenty-one Pounds.

I have the honour to remain,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,

Secretary.

[No. II.]

OBLIGATION to be subscribed by Fellows on their admission.

( ) the undersigned, do hereby engage that ( ) will endeavour to promote the interest and welfare of the Geological Society of London, and observe its Orders and Bye-Laws, so long as ( ) shall continue ( ) thereof. [Signed]

[No. III.]

Permanent Order on a Banker for the payment of Contributions.

Messrs.

Pay the Collector, my Annual Contribution of Two Guineas to the Geological Society of London, due on the first day of January 18 ;—and the same Amount on that day in every succeeding year, till further Notice.

I remain,

Your most obedient Servant,

London, 18

[No. IV.]

Diploma of a Foreign Member of the Society.

SOCIETAS GEOLOGICA LONDINENSIS.

A.D. MDCCCVII

Privatorum Hominum Consiliis Primum Instituta,
Dein Favore Augustissimi Principis
GEORGII IV.

A.D. MDCCCXXV.

Sancita et Chartâ Regiâ Confirmata,
Virum ornatissimum

_____ _____

Observantiæ Ergo
In Sociorum Exterorum Ordinem Ascribi Voluit.
In Cujus Rei Testimonium
Consessu Solenni Londini Habito
HOC DIPLOMA
Communi Societatis Sigillo Muniri Jussit

Die *Mensis* *A.D.*

Præside

_____ _____

Secretariis.

Diploma of a Foreign Correspondent of the Society.

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON,

In recognition of the services rendered to Geological Science by

_____

Have elected him a
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT
of the said Society:

In witness whereof this said Diploma has been signed,
and the Seal of the Society affixed.

(*Here follow signatures of President and Secretaries.*)

Geological Society of London,

18

[No. V.]

Balloting List for the Election of the Council.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

February, 18

BALLOTING LIST

FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL.

Present Council.	*Names of Fellows proposed as Members of the New Council.*	

If you wish to substitute any other name in place of that proposed, erase the printed name in the second column, and write opposite to it, in the third, that which you wish to substitute.

[No. VI.]

Balloting List for the Election of Officers.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

February, 18

BALLOTING LIST

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OUT OF THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL.

Present Officers.	*Officers proposed.*	
PRESIDENT.		
VICE-PRESIDENTS.		
SECRETARIES.		
FOREIGN SECRETARY.		
TREASURER.		

If you wish to substitute any other name in place of that proposed, erase the printed name in the second column, and write opposite to it, in the third, that which you wish to substitute.

THE END.

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